

# The Lamplighter

First Baptist Church of North East

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JULY/AUGUST 2021

## Weekly Services & Group Meetings

### Sunday

8:30a: Worship Service

9:30a: Sunday School/Bible Study (classes available for Preschool through Adult)

10:30a: Worship Service & Children's Worship

5:30p-7:30p: Youth (grades 6 to 12)

### Wednesday

6:30p-7:30p: Kids' Klub (grades K to 5)

6:30p-7:30p: Youth (grades 6 to 12)

6:30p: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Monthly Business Meeting immediately to follow, 2nd Wed. of each month)

### Thursday

10a: Ladies' Prayer Circle

## From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear church family,

**G**reetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Summer is finally here and the Covid restrictions have finally been lifted. PTL. It has been a long time coming, hasn't it?!

We are preparing for Vacation Bible School on August 1-5; and that date is fast approaching. This year our VBS is called "Treasured." Every boy and girl is so precious and treasured by God.

We also are convening an ordination council for James Area, for the weekend of July 24 and 25. I have invited all the ordained ministers in our association to join us as we consider ordaining Pastor James to the gospel ministry. It is a big decision for our church as well as the candidate to make. I have invited Chris Moyer to preach the ordination sermon. He and James have been and continue to be accountability partners and best friends for years.

That same Sunday we have a baptism planned as well. Right now we have 5 candidates who are planning to be baptized. Maybe you have been praying about that decision, or you know someone who is considering taking that step of faith. Please contact me. I would be glad to include you/them in the baptism classes.

Laura and Chris Moyer, our missionaries to France, will be staying with Janet and me this summer. We are looking forward to their involvement in many church activities these next 2 months. Sophia, Eliana and Seth will be regular attenders, but Chris and Laura will be speaking in a different supporting church each week.

(Pastor's Letter, continued on page 3)



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Betty Williams
3	Ralph Veasey, III
7	Kathy Glace
8	George Deaver
9	Joslyn Robinson
10	Matthew Osborne, II
	James Haynes
11	Kimberly Walsh
12	Danny Clemons, Sr.
	Gladys Hamilton
	Stephen Hokuf
13	Susan (Hobson) Philavanh
14	Savannah Owens
	Andy Wagner
17	Carl Moore, Sr.,
	Daniel Wagner
18	Mary Mohler
19	Ashly Hamilton
	Duke Grant,
	Hannah Sanders
20	George Jackson
22	Judith Brown
24	Mary K. Parks
28	Kevin Barker
	Mille Bee Cavanagh
	Tim Lotman
30	Sara Hayes

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3	Gerrit & Jane Hopman
7	Brian & Jennifer Musser
11	Richard & Margie Jackson
18	Cecil, Jr. & Anmarie Walsh
26	Adam & Melissa Marvel

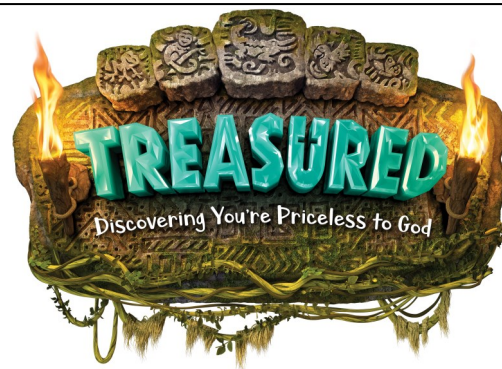
## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4	Patricia Culver Adkins
5	Robert Hudler, Jr
6	Wayne Jones
	Jacob Wahlgren
8	Thomas Hall
9	Kelsey Hackman
	Maranda Hackman
11	Lilburn (Lib) Lewis
12	Joyce Blithe
	Brenda Sommers
13	Brendan Willien
	Kenny Shores
16	Betty Jackson
	Seth Moyer
18	Kathy Gray
	Jane Hopman
25	Richard Brasefield
31	Jorden Lotman

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1	Edward & Sylvia Hobson
2	Ben & Jenny Hokuf
	Ben & Angie Lotman
3	Roger & Grace Cann
	Thomas & Ruby Perry
5	Tim & April Lotman
10	Bobby & Chrissy Hilaman
12	Stephen & Janet Hokuf

Please remember...all \$ donated for VBS, should be put in an offering envelope & designated as such (i.e: VBS or meals for VBS volunteers) & placed in the offering plate OR given online by choosing the VBS drop-down.



To say that I am excited, may be my understatement of the year. But that is what I am...EXCITED. I am excited that we are once again able to have VBS, but additionally excited about this year's theme. There are many worldly items that are considered the greatest treasures ever found...The Hoxne Hoard, valued at \$3.8 million or the Caesarea Sunken Treasure, which is so valuable that it is said to be priceless. All of these "treasures" are given a value according to our earthly values. God sees true value in something else, or should I say "someone" else. **YOU!!! You are priceless to God.** That is exactly what we will be learning about this year at VBS. **YOU ARE TREASURED!** Come join us...and bring your friends, too.

VBS will be Sunday, August 1 to Thursday August 5, from 6pm to 8:30pm. This year we will be also adding a youth program. In addition to our traditional K to 5th grade program, we will be offering a program for those in 6th to 12th grade.

**Pre-registration is highly recommended and greatly appreciated.** Please visit our website, [www.fbcne.org](http://www.fbcne.org), and click on the "Treasured" logo to register. If you are unable to register online, registration forms will be available at the church, and can be given to Jess Wagner or Tanya Area.

What are you waiting for? Go get registered! We can't wait to see you!

~Jess Wagner, VBS Director





<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Dr. Hokuf will be on vacation 8/7 to 8/22.
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<b>8</b> James Area is preaching. 5:30p: Youth	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study & Business Meeting 6:30p: Kids Klub 6:30p: Youth	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> James Area is preaching. Sept 2021 Lamplighter articles due! 5:30p: Youth	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub 6:30p: Youth	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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Jesus said, Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.  
 =Matthew 19:14=



In honor of Pastor Phil Meekins, *Monarch Recovery Ministries* is holding a community outreach event & they are in need of donations. As a church, FBCNE is collecting cases of water & soda, for their August 7th event. If you are able, please help us supply the drinks by dropping off a case/s of water or soda. Donations can be brought to Sunday services (& placed on the designated table) or to Jess Wagner in the office, no later than Friday, July 9th.



Other donation needs are: personal hygiene items, clothes & household items. For more info, please call the church office at 410-287-6247.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sun. Aug 1 to Thurs. Aug 5  
6pm to 8:30pm

Register online: [www.fbcne.org](http://www.fbcne.org)

Registering those entering  
Kindergarten to 12th grade.  
For info call 410-287-6247.

**September 2021**  
**Lamplighter articles are**  
**due no later than Sunday,**  
**August 22th. Please email**  
**articles to Jess Wagner @**  
**[fbcne@verizon.net](mailto:fbcne@verizon.net).**

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## Budget Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly  
Average as of 5/30/2021

(22 weeks): **\$3,904**

New Needed Weekly: **\$4,065**

Budget Status: **\$386**

Maintenance/Building Repairs  
Fund: **\$5,000**

Building Fund for New Garage:  
Received to date: **\$1,413**

Church goal: **TBD**

VBS Offering  
Received: **\$460**  
Church Goal: **\$1,000**

To give online, please visit  
[www.fbcne.org/give/](http://www.fbcne.org/give/)